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September 1, 1954

William A. Healy  
Technical Secretary  
New Hampshire Water Pollution Commission  
17 Capitol Street  
Concord, New Hampshire

Dear Sir:

You have inquired whether New Hampshire may contribute more than \$1,000 to the New England Interstate Water Pollution Control Commission, and if so, how this is to be accomplished.

It is my opinion that the phrase "the legislative bodies agree to appropriate . . . such sum or sums as shall be recommended by the Commission," together with the statement that New Hampshire is obligated only to the extent of \$1,000 in any one year, was meant to provide the minimum sum which, if appropriated by the legislature, would be sufficient to continue the state as a member of the Commission. See c. 190, Article VIII, Part of 1951.

To contribute more, upon the request of the Commission, would simply mean a larger appropriation by the legislature, and does not necessitate any amendment to the said c. 190.

Very truly yours,

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